

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
May 10, 2016**

Mr. Nachtigal called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:30 P.M.

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Health was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to both the Chatham Courier and the Morris County Daily Record on February 10, 2016; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on February 10, 2016; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on February 10, 2016.

Answering present to the roll call were Mrs. Babbitt, Dr. Downey, Mrs. Plantemoli, Mrs. Swartz and Mr. Nachtigal. Mr. Samara and Mrs. Gulla were also present. Ms. Taormina was absent. Dr. Downey had to leave the meeting early.

Mr. LaConte asked the Board members who have not yet filed their Financial Disclosure Statements to do so as soon as possible.

Septic System Applications

431 Green Village Road – Block 48.18 Lot 145

Mr. Greg Yannaccone was present to represent the applicant. Mr. Yannaccone described the proposed improvements to the two septic systems on the property. He also addressed the installation of baffles and effluent filters. Mr. Yannaccone further noted that the revised plans address the comments received in a memorandum dated February 25, 2016 from Board Engineer John Ruschke.

Mr. Nachtigal asked about the square footage of the dispersal trenches. Mr. Yannaccone said that there are about 210 square feet of trenches. He also said that a new system would require about 800 square feet. Dr. Downey asked why it is acceptable to have only 210 square feet when about 800 would be required for a new system. Mr. Yannaccone said that because this application is for a repair and not for a new system, they are not required to fully conform to current standards. He also explained that prior to 1990, system size was based on soil percolation rates, whereas now they are dictated by the number of bedrooms.

Mr. Nachtigal said that the presence of the trenches are an indication of a prior problem with the cesspool. Mr. Yannaccone said that he is unable to address problems that may have existed previously, however there is no indication of a current failure. Mr. Nachtigal raised a concern about potential buyers thinking that the property will have a new system, when instead it will have new components.

Mr. Nachtigal said that he spoke with Engineer Ruschke's office, and there is not any indication of failure with the current septic system. He also said that the applicant is applying to make improvements to the current system.

Mr. Nachtigal said that he is satisfied with the Board Engineer's review, and it needs to be made clear to potential buyers that this application is for a repair and not for a new system. Mr. LaConte said that buyers of properties with septic systems typically request to view available documents prior to putting an offer on a property. Mr. Yannaccone added that potential buyers would have inspections performed on the system prior to buying. Mrs. Swartz asked if it is required for buyers to see the septic files prior to buying. Mr. LaConte said that it is not required, however anyone performing due diligence would properly investigate a property before buying.

Mr. Nachtigal read into the record the review letter from Hatch Mott MacDonald.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the application. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mr. Swartz, Aye; Mrs. Plantemoli, Aye; Dr. Downey, Absent; Mrs. Babbitt, Aye; Mr. Nachtigal, Aye.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting. Mrs. Swartz seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that in March, several retail food establishment inspections were satisfactorily performed. He also reported that summonses were issued to Marie's Italian Specialties and Marie's Chicken Joint for failure to renew their retail food establishment licenses. Mr. LaConte noted that several reminders were given to these establishments before summonses were issued. He also provided background on the implementation of the late fees. Mr. Samara further reported that the new septic system at 543 River Road has been completed.

Mr. Nachtigal asked about any noise investigations. Mr. Samara, Mrs. Gulla and Mr. LaConte provided an update on a noise complaint that had been received.

Mrs. Swartz asked about pool inspections. Mr. Samara said that he and Ms. Trotman will be performing the inspections. Mrs. Gulla said that typically in April the pool license applications are received, and pre-opening inspections are performed in May. She also discussed the water testing protocols. Mrs. Swartz asked if Chatham Club is inspected. Mrs. Gulla said that it is not, as the Township does not require a license for fitness centers.

Health Officer

Mrs. Gulla reported that the Health Department is ready for the forums for the tri-town 55+ group, and the survey data has been collected. She noted that the goal for the number of survey respondents was met. There will be one forum in Chatham and one in Madison. Mrs. Gulla also reported that the Drug Free Communities Grant was not received. They do have some funds to perform some of the tasks that the Madison-Chatham Coalition has set forth to accomplish. Mrs. Gulla also said that there was an issue with a parent who refused to have their child vaccinated, but eventually complied with State law. She also said that the Health Department is monitoring the Zika Virus, and the Morris County Mosquito Control Commission is proactively dealing with mosquitoes. A display about mosquitoes was at the Library of the Chathams for two weeks, and preventive measures are being posted online. Skin cancer screenings are also being conducted by the Health Department.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in March 2016:

6 Death Certificates	\$40
2 Marriage Licenses	\$56
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Total	\$136

Mr. LaConte also reported the following 1st Quarter disbursement:

State Marriage License Fees: \$150

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in April 2016:

1 Domestic Partnership	\$28
27 Death Certificates	<u>\$155</u>
Total	\$183

Board of Health Secretary

Mr. LaConte reported that septic license renewals are due this year, which involves property owners with septic systems providing evidence that their tank has been pumped.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to accept the reports. Mrs. Swartz seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Announcement

Mrs. Babbitt announced that she will soon be moving to New Providence, and therefore needs to resign from the Board of Health as she will no longer be a Township resident.

Meeting Open to Public

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public.
Seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary